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REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO DEPUTY MINISTER BORIS G. SHTEPA OF THE MINISTRY OF RECLAMATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT: "DEAR MINISTER SHTEPA: I WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 26 PROPOSING SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE US/USSR PROGRAM ON PREVENTION OF WATER POLLUTION. I SINCERELY REGRET THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FINALIZE THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL NOW.

I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULING WHICH PRESERVES THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR PROPOSALS (BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE DATES) FOR THE SERIES OF MEETINGS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE DURING SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER OF 1974:

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A. THE MEETING OF THE COORDINATING GROUP ON WATER POLLU-

TION CONTROL WILL TAKE PLACE IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 16-20. MR. VAL ADAMKUS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION V WILL ACT AS OUR HOST.

B. PROJECT II ON "PROTECTION OF LAKES AND ESTUARIES" WILL MEET DURING SEPTEMBER 3-14 WITH VISITS TO ONE OR MORE OF THE

GREAT LAKES. THE ITINERARY MAY BE SOMEWHAT ALTERED FROM THAT ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ACTIVITY PREDATES THE MEETING OF THE COORDINATING GROUP DESCRIBED ABOVE.)

C. PROJECT III, "SYMPOSIUM ON EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS UPON AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS AND PERMISSABLE LEVELS OF POLLUTION" WILL BE HELD DURING DECEMBER 7-19 WITH ARRIVAL IN DULUTH ON DECEMBER 15TH. THE NAMES OF THE U.S. INVITEES AND THEIR PROPOSED TOPICS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE NAMES OF THE SOVIET PARTICIPANTS ALONG WITH A LIST OF THE TOPICS THAT THEY WISH TO DISCUSS AT THE SYMPOSIUM.

DURING YOUR VISIT HERE, WE CAN ALSO DISCUSS DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS ON "WATER PROTECTION MEASURES" AND, IN ADDITION, THE PROPOSED 30-DAY EXCHANGE OF SOVIET AND U.S. PERSONNEL IN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER OF 1974.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION OR SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SCHEDULING, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO RENEWING OUR FRIENDSHIP IN SEPTEMBER AND TO THE BENEFITS THAT WILL ACCRUE TO OUR COUNTRIES AS A RESULT OF THE JOINT ACTIVITIES OF OUR WORKING GROUPS ON THE PREVENTION OF WATER POLLUTION. SINCERELY YOURS, JOHN L. BUCKLEY, ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM INTEGRATION." KISSINGER

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